

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-12, 23, and 24 have been indicated as having allowable subject matter.

Objections

Claims 3 stands as objected to for containing an error. Applicants have amended Claim 3 as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claim 3 be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Claims have been rejected as follows:

- Claims 1-4 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7245,246 by Ihs et al. (“Ihs”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,404,369 by Sheen (“Sheen”);
- Claims 17-22, 25, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Ihs and U.S. Patent No. 5,061,925 by Sooch et al. (“Sooch”); and
- Claims 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Ihs and U.S. Patent Pre-grant Pub. No. 2004/0190649 by Endres et al. (“Endres”).

Insofar as they may be applied against the claims, these rejections are respectfully traversed.

Each of the rejections of Claims 1-8, 13-22, 25, and 26 rely on Ihs as the primary reference; however, Ihs does not qualify as prior art. According to MPEP §2136.03(II), “[for] the potential

reference [that] resulted from, or claimed the benefit of, an international application [that had] an international filing date on or after November 29, 2000[,] designated the United States[,] and [was] published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, the international filing date is a U.S. filing date for prior art purposes under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).” In this case, Ihs claims priority to an international application which was filed on November 3, 2003, was published in English (*see* WO2004/042932), and the United States was designated (*see* section [88] of WO2004/042932). Therefore, the §102(e) date for Ihs is November 3, 2003. In contrast to Ihs, this Application claims priority to Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/462,912, which was filed on April 15, 2003 and which fully supports Claims 1-8, 13-22, 25, and 26. Therefore, Ihs does not qualify as prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 1-8, 13-22, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and that Claim 1-8, 13-22, 25, and 26 be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-26.

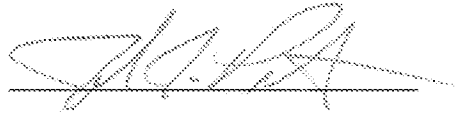
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Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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